

HOUSE BILL 3625

By Sparks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
relative to payments for health care services from
certain persons.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-262, is amended by adding
the following as new subsections:

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (a), each healthcare facility licensed under this
chapter shall be prohibited from requiring an uninsured patient or an underinsured
patient from paying more for services rendered to the patient than one hundred ten
(110%) of the participating fee amount the health care facility would receive from
medicare if the same services were provided to a medicare recipient.

(e) The commissioner of health is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations
to effectuate the purposes of this subsection (d). All such rules and regulations shall be
promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in
title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-262(b), is amended by adding
the following as a new subdivision:

() "Underinsured patient" means an individual under age sixty-five (65) who
lives in a family that spends more than ten percent (10%) of adjusted gross family
income for federal income tax purposes on out-of-pocket health care costs; provided,
that "out-of-pocket costs" does not include health insurance premiums;

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.